NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Southern California Gas Company Pico Rivera Base, Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal

Project Location: 8101 South Rosemead Boulevard, City of Pico Rivera

County: Los Angeles

Project Description: Pico Rivera Base facility is used for storage of containers of hazardous wastes from on-site and off-site Southern California Gas Company (SCGC) facilities only. A variety of wastes are stored in this facility. Most are solvents and paint wastes generated from general maintenance activities and hydrocarbon wastes generated by natural gas transmission and distribution. Hazardous wastes at the facility are stored while awaiting transport to an approved hazardous waste treatment or disposal facility. Wastes that are generated off-site are transported by registered haulers and are accompanied by a uniform hazardous waste manifest. No consolidation or treatment activities occur at this facility.

The Pico Rivera Base facility is surrounded by an eight foot tall concrete block wall and is topped with barbed wire outriggers. Five hazardous waste management units (HWMU) are permitted within this facility. These five units are situated on one contiguous concrete slab and are surrounded by an eight foot tall cyclone fence topped with barbed wire outriggers. They are described in the following paragraphs.

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a. Area 1 is a 45 square foot area (3 feet by 15 feet) that is located on the eastern boundary of the Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HWMF). It is surrounded by a curb, is covered entirely by a rain awning and has a containment capacity of 269 gallons. The floor is coated with a wear-and chemically resistant coating. This unit has a maximum permitted capacity of 13-55 gallon drums or 715 gallons. The hazardous wastes that may be stored in Area 1 are hydrochloric acid, leaking vehicle batteries, hydrobromic acid, sodium chromate & ammonia solution, sulfur analysis waste, sulfuric acid and zinc acetate solution.

b. Area 2 is a 42 square foot area (3 feet by 14 feet) immediately adjacent to and south of Area 1 that is located on the eastern boundary of the HWMF. It is surrounded by a curb, is covered entirely by a rain awning and has a containment capacity of 251 gallons. The floor is coated with a wear-and chemically resistant coating. This unit has a maximum permitted capacity of 13-55 gallon drums or 715 gallons. The hazardous wastes that may be stored in Area 2 are used hydrogen sulfide calibration tubes, spent iron sponge and sodium hydroxide solution.

c. Area 3 is located just west of Areas 1 and 2 and is the central unit of the HWMF. The area of this unit is 1,975 square feet (42 feet by 51 feet) and is covered entirely by a rain awning. The unit is surrounded by a curb. The containment volume of the unit is 10,577 gallons. There is an entry ramp on the west side of the unit in the northwest corner. The floor is coated with a wear-and chemically resistant coating. This unit has a maximum permitted capacity of 650-55 drums or 35,750 gallons. The hazardous wastes that may be stored in Area 3 come from vehicle maintenance, pipeline maintenance, cleanup and degreasing of tanks and tools, and meter maintenance.

d. Area 4 is located immediately north of Area 3. The area of this unit is 1,047 square feet and is covered approximately 90% by a rain awning. Area 4 is trapezoidal in shape and is 43 feet long at the apex and 63 feet long at the base. The width of Area 4 is 26.5 feet. The floor is coated with a wear-and chemically resistant coating. The unit is surrounded by a curb and has a containment volume of 6,224 gallons. This unit has a maximum permitted capacity of 300-55 gallon drums or 16,500 gallons. The hazardous wastes that are stored in Area 4 are condensate, which is collected from natural gas pipelines and contains a mixture of gasoline, water and glycol that is contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB); and soils, solids and equipment contaminated from contact with natural gas pipeline condensate which may contain PCB.

e. Area 5 is located immediately south of Area 3. The area of this unit is 1,898 square feet and is not covered by a rain awning. Area 5 is trapezoidal in shape and is 65.5 feet long at the apex and 82.5 feet long at the base. The width of Area 5 is 27 feet. The floor is coated with a wear-and chemically resistant coating. The unit is surrounded by a curb and has a containment volume of 4,144 gallons. This unit has a maximum permitted capacity of 146 empty 55-gallon drums. The hazardous wastes that are stored in Area 5 are empty drums that were used previously for the storage of hazardous waste.

f. The rain awning mentioned above covers Areas 1, 2, 3 and 90% of Area 4 and none of Area 5 and is drained to an area outside of the hazardous waste storage areas.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sempra Energy Utilities

Exemption Status: (check one)

☐ Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
☐ Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
☐ Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(b)(c)]
☐ Categorical Exemption: [State type and section number]
☐ Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
☒ General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Exemption Title: With certainty, no possibility of a significant environmental effect.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is an existing facility and the renewal of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit allows the facility to continue operations for the next 10-year term of the permit. The allowed types and volumes of wastes handled and stored will not change. Also, no physical expansion of the facility is proposed. The reasons supporting our conclusion are:

1. The proposed renewal of the permit will not increase the hazardous waste storage capacity of the Facility. No changes are proposed either to the wastes codes currently permitted to be stored at the hazardous waste facility. The proposed renewal of the permit will not change the operation plan. The renewal of the permit will not affect the makeup of the personnel that manage the facility.

2. Although the facility was not designed and built to TSCA standards under 40 CFR 761.65(b), the site may store PCB containing materials for up to 30 days under the temporary storage criteria of 40 CFR 761.65(c). PCB-containing wastes may be stored in Areas 3 or 4.

3. The facility is not located in an Alquist-Priolo fault zone. The facility is approximately six miles west of a known fault shown in the La Habra Quadrangle map. The rain awning was fabricated with steel construction in 1985.

4. The Selby Grove Elementary School is located slightly less than one quarter mile to the west of the Waste Container Storage Facility. The nearest residence to the Waste Container Storage Facility is approximately 425 feet to the East, across Rosemead Blvd. Emissions from hazardous wastes stored at the facility are negligible. Wastes are stored in sealed, DOT-approved containers and are inspected weekly for leakage or signs of deterioration. Containers are rarely opened, except briefly to obtain samples for lab analysis in some cases. Acutely hazardous wastes and highly volatile organic materials are not typically stored at the facility.

5. Surrounding land uses are as follows; the facility is bordered on the north by light industry, the west by an elementary school, and the south and east by residential neighborhoods

6. The site is listed on the Cortese list because the contamination was related to the discharge of waste air compressor lubricant. Records show that soil remediation was performed for an underground drum/tank that had been used for collection of compressor lube oil. The tank had been removed in July 1989 under supervision of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. In January 1991 soil from the area was excavated under the approval and supervision of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. The remediation standard to which the work was performed is not discussed in the work plan or soil report. However, analytical testing of soils from the excavation following removal of contaminated soil showed Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) below detection

limit (10 ppm) and 1,1,1- trichloroethane at 3 ppb, which was far below the drinking water Maximum Contaminant Level for this compound (200 ppb). The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works certified the closure.

7. The facility is in an area zoned I-L, Limited Industrial, by the City of Pico Rivera. Surrounding properties are also in industrial use and heavy commercial uses, including warehouses, railroad switch yards, an asphalt plant and gas stations.

8. Based on a California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) report undertaken by California State University at Fullerton, there are no cultural, historical or archaeological sites within a ½ mile radius of the project.

9. No habitat areas or applicable habitat conservation plans affect the property which is largely paved and is zoned limited industrial (IL) by the City of Pico Rivera. There are no candidate, sensitive or special status species listed present or in close proximity to the site.

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10. SCAQMD rules specifically exempt the facility from permitting any equipment associated with the storage of hazardous waste. Reference: South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 219(m)(9). No consolidation or treatment activities occur at this facility.

11. There are no water or waste discharges from the facility and the facility is not located within a 100 year flood hazard zone.

12. Because of the infrequent nature of shipment of hazardous waste to and from the facility, there is little or no impact on the already heavy truck traffic in the vicinity. Only one or two shipments per month will occur. Wastes are typically transported to and from the facility via Interstate Highway 5. There are two routes for access to 1-5 from the facility. The first is via the northwest gate of the Pico Rivera Base to Slauson Ave. and then west to 1-5. This route is approximately 1.3 miles through light industrial and retail business areas. There are no sensitive receptors such as schools, hospitals, retirement homes, etc. along this route. The other route is via the east gate of the Pico Rivera Base to Rosemead Blvd. then south to 1-5. This route is approximately 0.8 miles through residential and retail business areas. There are no sensitive receptors such as schools, hospitals, retirement homes, etc. along this route. The waste shipments will be timed to avoid peak evening traffic congestion. Reference: 2004 Congestion Management Program for Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, July 22, 2004.

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